

Re: Call for Tissue Submissions to Generate iPSCs for CIRM's Repository

To Whom It May Concern:

CIRM is creating a resource to accelerate the discovery and development of therapies for patients. The [Institute's Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell \(hiPSC\) Program](#) is creating a bank of high quality disease-specific and control stem cell lines developed from thousands of individuals for use in disease associated allele discovery, drug screening, and drug safety assessment. iPS cell lines covering at least eleven genetically complex diseases, with accompanying clinical data, are banked by the Coriell Institute for broad distribution (catalog.coriell.org/CIRM).

The iPSC line producer, Cellular Dynamics International (CDI), has some extra capacity to produce additional lines from **patient samples submitted by outside investigators before July 31st, 2016**. CIRM cannot provide funding for any sample collection activities. However, CDI will pay for the sample shipping expenses to its site and generate iPSC lines without cost to the sample provider. Resulting lines will be stored and distributed long-term in CIRM's Repository, also without cost to the sample provider. Also, the provider is entitled to one free vial of banked iPSCs that are derived from each of their samples.

If you are interested and prepared to provide patient samples between now and July 31st, please contact Stephen Lin at CIRM as soon as possible with the following information:

- Sample collection site (e.g. clinic)
- Disease and/or control samples to submit
- Details of IRB-approved donor consent forms
- Number of samples to submit by July 31 (number of samples currently on hand)
- Source of samples (must be blood or skin punches)
- Characterization associated with all samples proposed for submission (clinical diagnosis, patient testing, genetic information, etc.)

CIRM will decide, at its own discretion and without the option to appeal, on which proposal(s) will be accepted for line generation and banking.

Regards,

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